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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO2005049458A1] The present invention is directed to a system and method for loading articles onto a feeder ledge of a feeder, the articles arriving from a plurality of different article lines. One line may be reserved for automatically loadable articles, while a second line may be directed to semi-automatic loading. Semi-automatic loading entails directing an article container or tub to an operator who then manually aligns and makes any necessary alignment corrections to an article stack accommodated therein. After a sufficient amount of manual handling, articles located upon a second ledge, as prepared by the operator, are substituted in the automatically loadable article stream to the feeder ledge. As such, the operator prepared articles get loaded upon the feeder ledge. During this time, it may be possible for the operator to manually load still more articles from a third article line directly onto the feeder ledge.

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